

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. § 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9:00 a.m., August 15, 2001. Additionally, the meeting will be webcast and available at: <http://www.dnfsb.gov>.

PLACE: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Department of Energy (DOE) requires contractors at defense nuclear facilities to develop and implement nuclear quality assurance programs to ensure the requisite quality of operations, products, and services that directly affect nuclear safety-related systems and operations. Activities required to be conducted under established quality assurance programs extend from scientific studies, to the design, construction, operation, and deactivation of defense nuclear facilities. Notwithstanding contract and rule requirements concerning quality assurance, there is evidence that quality assurance programs at defense nuclear facilities are not consistently achieving their quality objectives.

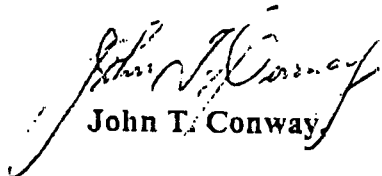
This is the third in a series of open meetings being held by the Board on the topic of quality assurance within DOE defense nuclear activities. Board inquiries will address:

(1) the status of quality assurance assessments at DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) sites; (2) the status of quality assurance assessments at Environmental Management (EM) sites; (3) the status of corrective actions for software quality concerns; (4) Board staff observations on quality assurance at defense nuclear facilities; and (5) quality assurance as an enforcement tool in improving safety.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: July 23, 2001.



John T. Conway

Chairman.